## **REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

By this amendment, claim 71 has been canceled and claims 70, 72, 73, and 76-78 have been amended. Thus, claims 70, and 72-78 are pending.

The Examiner required a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Accordingly, the title of the invention has been amended herein to include further details from the claimed invention.

Claims 70-78 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,359,846. Claims 70, 72, 73, and 76-78 have been amended to include additional limitations (e.g., timing information and corresponding method and apparatus recitations) which are not recited in any of claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,359,846. Accordingly, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 70-78 over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,359,846 in inapplicable to the claims as amended.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that claims 70, and 72-78 are allowable and that the application is therefore in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED WHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE COUNT NO. 23-0975

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